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Theresa Arias Recognized by Local Soroptimist Clubs

Theresa Arias, instructor for the inmate sewing work program, was recently honored by two local Soroptimist clubs at their March 11 banquet. Theresa received the Making a Difference for Women Award from both the Soroptimist International of Flagstaff and the Soroptimist International Mountain Morning clubs. According to the Soroptimist website, the Making a Difference for Women Award acknowledges women who are working to improve lives of women and girls. Clubs honor ordinary women who work in extraordinary ways to benefit women and girls.

Theresa Arias was honored for her work with female inmates in the Coconino County Jail. She was nominated by Nancy Davis of the SI Flagstaff club and also by Joan Graboski of the SI Mountain Morning club. Theresa, a retired CCSO Detention Sergeant, has been the sewing instructor for the Coconino County Detention Facility's only female work program for the past eight years. Theresa instructs female inmates, most of whom have never touched a needle and thread, in the basics of sewing, quilt and blanket making, inmate uniform repair, various crafts, and specific sewing projects. The items are then donated to local nonprofit organizations.

Theresa has put a light at the end of a seemingly endless tunnel of incarceration, recidivism, and lost hope for the women inmates. She dedicates her time and expertise to help impact lives within a growing circle of influence. Women benefit from the sewing program by learning a life skill and gaining self-esteem and goodwill. Women also learn project management, item specifications, deadlines, organizing materials, teamwork, and problem solving.

The Soroptimist International of the Americas was founded in 1921. Members are business and professional women whose mission is to improve the lives of women and girls in local communities and around the world. Their motto is "Best for Women." Flagstaff has three Soroptimist clubs. For more information on Soroptimist International, visit their website at www.soroptimist.org.



Theresa Arias receiving her Making a Difference Award from (l) Penny Cook, SI Mountain Morning Club, and Nancy Davis, SI Flagstaff club.

Arizona Detention Association Class #72

Coconino County Sheriff's Office 8th Basic Detention Academy started on February 2, 2009 and ended with graduation ceremonies on Friday March 13th, 2009 held at the Coconino Community College.

During those six weeks, cadets endured strenuous Physical Fitness, intense Defensive Tactics and weekly classroom tests covering all of the topics regarding duties and responsibilities of a Detention Officer.

Congratulations to Officers Roddy Begay, Timothy Bitsui, Nicholas Derieux, Robert Hampton, Jason Jimenez, Tristan Meyer, Samantha Roe, Christopher Rose and Steven Strum on the completion of the Academy.

Also, please congratulate the officers that received awards for their outstanding achievements. Tristan Meyer received the Academic Award. Timothy Bitsui received the Outstanding Physical Training Award.



Arizona Detention Association Class #72 with Commander Kurt Braatz, Lt. Tina Lawson, Lt. Matt Figueroa, Sgt. Bryan Manson and Sgt. Matt Freshour

Roddy Begay received the Improved Physical Training Award. Steven Strum received the Most Valuable Cadet Award. Robert Hampton and Tristan Meyer received Squad Leader Awards. Steven Strum received the Class Leader Award.

Sergeant Matt Freshour and Sergeant Bryan Manson served as the Academy Liaisons under the guidance of Lieutenant Donna Womble.

Jail District Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting



Sheriff Bill Pribil

On March 23rd the Sheriff hosted the quarterly Jail District Citizen Advisory Committee meeting. The Committee is created from employees of the Sheriff's Office, members of the Board of Supervisors, Judges, Business Owners, College Professors, and City Council Members.

During the welcome, the Sheriff stated that the Jail District has been impacted by the economy. Bed rentals in the Jail are over 100 per day, which gives supplemental revenue. A ten year financial plan was distributed and reviewed. The Jail District is financially sound.

Updates on other items are as follows:

- * Some open positions are being held vacant
- * Turn over has decreased during the poor economy
- * We are applying for grants that are applicable
- * Preparation if the DOC inmates get moved to the county facilities
- * The Exodus program has expanded to the women inmates and has a 33% - 36% recidivism rate
- * We are partnering with NAU Behavioral Health to utilize a working intern
- * We have created a policy and procedure to give incarcerated veteran's resources for help
- * Mental Health – the group would like help from the Health Department and will gather information for a "road map" for a direction for further discussion at the next meeting

Citizen's Police, Coconino County Sheriff, and DPS Academy

The Coconino County Sheriff's Office is one of three major sponsors of the Citizens Academy. The Flagstaff Citizen's Police, Sheriff, and Arizona Department of Public Safety Academy is a ten-week, 14-class program designed to facilitate two-way communication between Northern Arizona Law Enforcement personnel and interested citizens. Topics of instruction cover every facet of law enforcement to include narcotics enforcement, investigation of felony crimes, the county corrections system, and a field trip to the local crime lab. Presenters range from Sheriff Bill Pribil or Chief Brent Cooper to street officers and deputies. Members of the Coconino County Sheriff's Office teach classes on winter weather survival, DUI awareness, detection and prevention, search and rescue operations and the investigation of serious felonies and associated crime scenes. Two sessions are held annually, one in the spring and one in the fall.

Some of the people who participate in this program are future law enforcement officers or are in professions that cause them to work closely with police officers. Another segment of the community that consistently participates in the Citizens' Academy is retired persons. After completing the program some of them become active members of the Coconino County Sheriff's Office or the Flagstaff Police Department's Civilian Volunteer Program. Many of the past participants have obtained employment in the criminal justice field to include Detention Officers at the Coconino County Detention Facility. As a result of the Citizen's Police Academy, numerous other individuals have applied as volunteers with the Flagstaff Police Department, the Coconino County Medical Examiner's Office and the Coconino County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Unit.

The overall intent of the Citizen's Police Academy is to introduce interested community members to as many aspects and employees of a wide variety of Northern Arizona Criminal Justice Agencies. It is believed that the agenda of each session creates an appropriate balance of information and entertainment. This balance is achieved with a mix of classroom lectures, hands on training sessions and a wide variety of field trips. Some of the classes and field trips that members participate in include:

- *Hands on use of firearms and gun safety class.
- *A presentation on death investigations by detectives.
- *A presentation on explosive devices.
- *A field trip to the Coconino County Morgue.
- *A tour of the Coconino County Jail.
- *A presentation on Community Policing.
- *A presentation on accident investigation, traffic law enforcement and D.U.I. apprehension.
- *A presentation on the Search and Rescue Unit Winter Weather Survival.
- *An overview of the Flagstaff Police Department Family Crimes Unit and a presentation on the detection and prevention of domestic violence.
- *A review of the department policy on use of force and a FATS shoot.
- *A presentation on drug interdiction and drug abuse prevention by a DEA agent and the supervisor of the Northern Arizona Metro Street Crimes Task Force.

The 2009 Spring session of the Citizens Academy began on Wednesday March 4, 2009, with 28 community members participating. Community members who would like to learn more about the Citizen's Academy are asked to call the Coconino County Sheriff's Office Community Programs Planner at 928-226-2089.



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All-Hazards Incident Management Team (AHIMT)



Chief Deputy Jim Driscoll



Lieutenant Mark Christian



Sergeant Aaron Dick

Chief Deputy Jim Driscoll, Lt. Mark Christian, and Sgt. Aaron Dick recently completed the NIMS All-Hazards Incident Management Team training. Leaders from local agencies and other counties participated in the six day training conducted in Flagstaff. The focus of the training was to develop and operate a functional team to address large complex disasters and emergencies. The training required extensive participation in simulated exercises, events, and other multi-agency/multi-disciplinary activities.

Page Substation – Search and Rescue



Deputy Bundy

Sheriff Deputy Bundy was contacted by dispatch concerning a lost person on the Kaibab. Two young men had come down off the mountain and one of them decided to walk back in about four miles to retrieve a trail camera.

When he hadn't returned after four hours, the other young man contacted the Colorado City Marshall's Office for help.

Spring brings good weather and outside activity. Our Page Substation started off with two Search and Rescue events. On March 1, 2009

Deputy Bundy along with other agencies searched the area and located the missing person near FS Road 429 to the East. He was cold and extremely tired from walking around for ten hours, but otherwise in fair condition.

On March 20, 2009 Deputy Bundy was notified of a deceased person found by ranchers in a wooded area on Mile Post 588 and Highway 89A. The body was discovered next to his vehicle face down on the ground. There did not appear to be any suspicious circumstances to his death.

We are thankful for everyone that is involved with our Search and Rescue.